

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1091
By Harper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Lola V. Wooldridge on the occasion of her retirement after 58 years of exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and her recent election as Vice President of the Davidson County Democratic Women's Club.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry and who, because of their special love for their community and state, dedicate themselves to building a better Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Lola Wooldridge is one such individual whose incredible energy and faithful service to numerous endeavors have created an indelible legacy that will not soon be equaled; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime resident of Tennessee, Mrs. Wooldridge graduated from Cookeville Central High School and attended business school; she has continued her education at the University of Tennessee at Nashville, now Tennessee State University, taking courses in business management, business law, personnel management, real estate, and real estate finance; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, Mrs. Wooldridge began her career with the University of Tennessee as a secretary for the Agricultural Extension Service, and in 1950, she moved to the Department of Commerce and Insurance; she progressed swiftly through the ranks and, in 1976, Mrs. Wooldridge was deservedly named executive secretary of the State Barber and Cosmetology Board, a position that has now been reclassified as Director or Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, she has served as administrative assistant of Regulatory Boards where her commitment to excellence won the admiration of her fellow workers; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wooldridge came to the Division of Fire Prevention in July 1983 as an administrative assistant to the Assistant Commissioner of Fire Prevention and served diligently in this capacity until December 1989, when she was promoted to the important post of Director of Pyrotechnics; and

WHEREAS, she has been noted as a director with superior skill and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wooldridge has been actively involved in many worthwhile public organizations and has served the public well as a member of the American Society for Public Administration, Tennessee Personnel Management Association, Nashville Women's Political Caucus, and the Public Service Council Committee; and

WHEREAS, she is the recipient of the Strathmore's *Who's Who*, an inclusion that is limited to individuals who have demonstrated leadership and achievement in their occupation, industry, or profession for the years of 2004-2005 and 2005-2006; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wooldridge has volunteered her time and singular talents to the American Heart Association, Arthritis Fund Raiser, and the March of Dimes, and she has been a devoted volunteer with United Way; and

WHEREAS, a recognized leader in the Davidson County Democratic Women's Club, in 2006, Mrs. Wooldridge was elected Vice President for a second time, having previously served as Vice President in 1993, President-Elect in 1994, and President in 1995, which is an honor that is illustrative of this incredible women's devotion to this valuable club and her strong vision and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, it is rare that this State is blessed with such a truly exemplary citizen as Lola Wooldridge, and it is only fitting that this body pause to honor such an active, caring, and devoted individual; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Lola V. Wooldridge our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.